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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-third session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 2 to 20 August 1993. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 2 August 1993, at 10.30 a.m.

2. This document contains the provisional agenda for the forty-third session of the Committee, prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, together with annotations relating thereto.

3. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4, which contain the tentative timetable for consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.

4. In accordance with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the States parties are invited to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Action by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session: Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (General Assembly resolution 47/111).

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

4. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.

5. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention.

6. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention.

7. Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

8. World Conference on Human Rights

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. Under rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and, as appropriate, may add, defer or delete items.

2. Action by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session: Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (General Assembly resolution 47/111)

The Committee will continue its consideration, begun at its forty-second session of this agenda item. At that session, the Committee discussed measures that it might take with a view to preventing violations of the Convention, including early warning and urgent procedures. As a result of those discussions, the Committee adopted a working paper on prevention to guide it in its future work. The Committee also requested the Secretariat to submit draft procedures in this regard for consideration at its forty-third session.

Under this agenda item, the Committee will also have before it the interim report on the updated study of the independent expert on enhancing the long-term effectiveness of the United Nations human rights treaty regime.

Accordingly, for its consideration of item 2 of the provisional agenda, the Committee will have before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting to the General Assembly the report of the fourth meeting of persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies, held at Geneva from 12 to 16 October 1992 (A/47/628);

(b) Working paper adopted by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning and urgent procedures (CERD/C/1993/Misc.1/Rev.2);

(c) Note by the secretariat on draft procedures regarding the prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning and urgent procedures;

(d) Note by the secretariat transmitting the interim report on the study on enhancing the long-term effectiveness of the human rights treaty regime (A/CONF.157/PC/62/Add.11/Rev.1);

(e) General Assembly resolution 47/111.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention

At its forty-third session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the status of submission of reports by States

parties in accordance with article 9 of the Convention (CERD/C/245). As may be noted from part A of that document, reports received from 21 States parties are pending consideration by the Committee. Part B of the document contains information relating to overdue reports. At its 972nd meeting (forty-second session), the Committee discussed the problem of long-overdue reports. In this regard, the Committee decided to consider, at its forty-third session, the question of a communication to be transmitted to the Fifteenth meeting of States parties, which is scheduled to take place in January 1994.

Under article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention and pursuant to rule 67, paragraph 3, of its rules of procedure, the Committee may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of the reports and information received from States parties. At its forty-third session, the Committee will have before it a number of draft general recommendations which were considered at its forty-second session and revised in light of the discussions at that time.

4. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention

The following timetable for consideration of reports submitted by States parties at the forty-third session has been drawn up by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman, taking into account the relevant decisions taken by the Committee at its forty-second session.

In pursuance of established practice and in conformity with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee, as follows:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Monday, 2 August 1993	
Germany	Eleventh and twelfth periodic reports, due in 1990 and 1992 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/226/Add.7)
Tuesday, 3 August 1993	
Germany	(continued)
Republic of Korea	Seventh periodic report, due in 1992 (CERD/C/221/Add.1)
Wednesday, 4 August 1993	
Republic of Korea	(continued)
Canada	Eleventh periodic report due in 1991 (CERD/C/210/Add.2)

Thursday, 5 August 1993	
Canada	(continued)
Holy See	Twelfth periodic report due in 1992 (CERD/C/226/Add.6)
Friday, 6 August 1993	
Nigeria	Tenth, eleventh and twelfth periodic reports, due in 1988, 1990 and 1992 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/226/Add.9)
Viet Nam	Second, third, fourth and fifth periodic reports, due in 1985, 1987, 1989 and 1991 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/204/Add.1)
Monday, 9 August 1993	
Kuwait	Twelfth periodic report due in 1992 (CERD/C/226/Add.5)
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Twelfth periodic report due in 1992 (CERD/C/226/Add.4)
Tuesday, 10 August 1993	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	(continued)
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth periodic reports, due in 1986, 1988, 1990 and 1992 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/226/Add.8)
Wednesday, 11 August 1993	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	(continued)
Zambia	Seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh periodic reports, due in 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991 and 1993 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/239/Add.2)
Thursday, 12 August 1993	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Information requested under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention
Croatia	Information requested under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention

Friday, 13 August 1993

Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)	Information requested under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention
Tonga	Ninth and tenth periodic reports, due in 1989 and 1991 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/209/Add.5)

Monday, 16 August 1993

Burundi	Sixth periodic report (CERD/C/168/Add.1) submitted on 16 August 1989 and considered at the 894th meeting in 1991 (CERD/C/SR.894)
Rwanda	Sixth and seventh periodic reports submitted in one document (CERD/C/169/Add.1) on 2 November 1988 and considered at the 839th meeting in 1989 (CERD/C/SR.839)
Papua New Guinea	Initial report (CERD/C/101/Add.4), submitted on 16 August 1983, which was considered at the 666th meeting in 1984 and reviewed at the 949th and 952nd meetings in 1992 (CERD/C/SR.666, 949 and 952)

5. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVIII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under article 14 of the Convention.

In accordance with rule 88 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee during which communications under article 14 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.

6. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention

Under this item, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General (CERD/C/246) concerning article 15 of the Convention and listing, as appropriate, copies of petitions, reports and working papers relating to the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

7. Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

At its 695th meeting (thirtieth session), in August 1984, the Committee decided to keep this item on its agenda throughout the Second Decade and requested the Secretary-General to keep it informed of the relevant activities which would be undertaken in accordance with the Programme of Action for the Second Decade.

For its consideration of this item at its forty-third session, the Committee will have before it Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/11 on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the launching of a third decade to combat racism and racial discrimination.

8. World Conference on Human Rights

Under this item, the Committee will be briefed by its Chairman on the World Conference on Human Rights, which was held at Vienna in June 1993. The Committee will also be briefed on the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference by the member who represented the Committee at that session.

For its consideration of this item at its forty-third session, the Committee will have before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference on Human Rights, fourth session (A/CONF.157/PC/98);

(b) Report of the meeting of chairpersons and representatives of the human rights treaty bodies (A/CONF.157/PC/62/Add.15);

(c) Report of the World Conference on Human Rights.

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